



Kansas Mentors Connection
April 2010

Happy Spring to All! The freshness of the season has truly brought energy to the office's efforts. We hope that each of you are also enjoying the change in weather and finding great activities for the mentoring relationships in your life (yours personally or the ones you support professionally) to enjoy Kansas' beautiful landscape! While this site is geared for families, check it out for some great ideas on how to connect youth with nature: <http://www.naturerocks.org/extras.aspx>

KM SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR MENTOR RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

In an effort to provide every young Kansan (ages 5 to 18) access to a quality mentoring relationship, statewide financial support is needed for communities to recruit and retain quality mentors. In reflection of this need, Kansas Mentors is seeking proposals from eligible applicants focused on effective mentor recruitment and retention strategies. Activities may include, but are not limited to, developing media campaigns for recruitment, hosting mentor recruitment or volunteer recognition events, or providing on-going training activities for mentors. *Completed applications must be received by **Monday, May 3 at 5:00pm.***

Download the RFP and supporting documents at: <http://kansasmentors.kansas.gov/Pages/news.aspx>

FEDERAL OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS – GRANTS 101

Over the past 10 years, OJP has provided 52,000 funding awards to the criminal justice community totaling more than \$26 billion. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, OJP awarded 4,900 grants totaling more than \$2.5 billion. In FY 2009, OJP also awarded an additional 3,883 Recovery Act grants totaling more than \$2.74 billion to state and local and tribal law enforcement and community organizations.

Most of OJP's funding programs are highly competitive; we receive hundreds of grant proposals for the same funding opportunities. Our Grants 101 site will help you navigate the process. Check it out at: <http://www.ojp.gov/grants101/index.htm>

To view a list of current OJJDP grant opportunities, visit:

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Learn and Serve Grants: The purpose of Learn and Serve Kansas is to involve young people between the ages five and seventeen in service-learning projects that simultaneously support student development and meet community needs in areas such as the environment, education, public safety, and other human needs. What a perfect opportunity for funding to support mentor/mentee activities. Grants are awarded to schools only, so applicants will need to partner with a school-based program.

*Completed applications are due **Friday, April 30** to the Kansas Volunteer Commission. For more information visit: <http://www.kanserve.org>*

Best Buy: Best Buy Children's Foundation supports local communities with the Community Grants Program that is led by employee committees across the United States. Employees select non-profit organizations that support programs and services that provide opportunities for young teens related to education, life skills, leadership skills or relationship development. Grant amounts will average \$5000-\$7000, not to exceed \$10,000. Nonprofit organizations must be located within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or Distribution Center. **Deadline is May 15.** To learn more visit: http://www.bestbuyinc.com/community_relations/local_donations.htm

Don't forget, April 23-25, 2010 is Global Youth Service Day – an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through service and service-learning. Check out the GYSD website for more information: <http://gysd.org/about>

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